

II. CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently Amended) A mobile communication device comprising:

telephone circuitry having a front side, the front side of the telephone circuitry having a top end and a bottom end; and

a housing having a top shell and a bottom shell, the top shell and the bottom shell being disconnectable;

the housing further including a microphone interface and a speaker interface, each interface including a gasket that allows sound penetration while preventing the entry of water and contaminants;

the bottom shell having a unitary keypad interface sealed to the bottom shell with conductive areas that interface with contacts on the telephone circuitry;

wherein the housing is adapted to substantially enclose the telephone circuitry when the top shell and the bottom shell are mated in a direction along a length of the telephone circuitry from the top end to the bottom end, at a parting line perpendicular to the mating direction and arranged such that a circumference and surface area to be sealed between the top and bottom shell is minimized.

2. (Previously Presented) The mobile communication device of claim 1 further comprising a user interface, the user interface usable by a mobile communication device user on the front side of the telephone circuitry.

3. (Previously Presented) The mobile communication device of claim 2 wherein the user interface comprises a display, the display viewable by the mobile communication device user through the housing.

4. (Previously Presented) The mobile communication device of claim 2 wherein the user interface comprises a touch pad, the touch pad interfaced to by the mobile communication device user through the housing.

5. (Previously Presented) The mobile communication device of claim 1 further comprising a seal between the top shell and the bottom shell, the seal being adapted to isolate the telephone circuitry within the housing from water outside the housing.

6. (Previously Presented) The mobile communication device of claim 1 wherein the housing is adapted to be interchangeable with a second changeable housing that is changeable by a mobile communication device user.

7. (Previously Presented) The mobile communication device of claim 6 wherein the second changeable housing has a different predetermined characteristic than the housing.

8. (Previously Presented) The mobile communication device of claim 1 wherein the housing is adapted to be interchangeable with a second changeable housing that is changeable by a mobile communication device user without the use of a tool.

9. (Previously Presented) The mobile communication device of claim 1 further comprising at least one fastener, wherein the fastener is adapted to couple the top shell to the bottom shell.

10. (Previously Presented) The mobile communication device of claim 9 wherein the fastener comprises a latch.

11. (Previously Presented) The mobile communication device of claim 9 wherein the fastener comprises a rotatable key.

12. (Currently Amended) A waterproof mobile communication device comprising:

a housing having a first shell and a second shell, the first shell and the second shell being disconnectable by a mobile communication device user toward a top end and a bottom end, respectively, of telephone circuitry within the housing, at a parting line perpendicular to a disconnecting direction and arranged such that a circumference and surface area to be sealed between the first and second shell is minimized,

the ~~bottom~~second shell having a unitary keypad interface sealed to the ~~bottom~~second shell with conductive areas that interface with contacts on the telephone circuitry; and

a seal between the first shell and the second shell, the seal being adapted to isolate the telephone circuitry within the housing from water outside the housing;

wherein the housing is adapted to be interchangeable with a second changeable housing that is changeable by the mobile communication device user,

wherein the housing further includes a microphone interface and a speaker interface, each interface including a gasket that allows sound penetration while preventing the entry of water and contaminants.

13. (Previously Presented) The mobile communication device of claim 12 further comprising a user interface having a display, the display viewable by the mobile communication device user through the housing.

14. (Previously Presented) The mobile communication device of claim 12 wherein the second changeable housing has a different predetermined characteristic than the housing.

15. (Previously Presented) The mobile communication device of claim 12 wherein the housing and the second changeable housing can be changeable by the mobile communication device user without the use of a tool.

16. (Previously Presented) The mobile communication device of claim 12 further comprising at least one fastener, wherein the fastener is adapted to couple the first shell to the second shell.

17. (Previously Presented) The mobile communication device of claim 16 wherein the fastener comprises a latch.

18. (Previously Presented) The mobile communication device of claim 16 wherein the fastener comprises a rotatable key.

19. (Currently Amended) A method of assembling a mobile communication device comprising the steps of:

providing telephone circuitry having a front side, the front side having a top end and a bottom end;

providing a housing having a top shell and a bottom shell, the top shell and the bottom shell being disconnectable, the housing further including a microphone interface and a speaker interface, each interface including a gasket that

allows sound penetration while preventing the entry of water and contaminants;

providing the bottom shell with a unitary keypad interface sealed to the bottom shell with conductive areas that interface with contacts on the telephone circuitry; and

mating the top shell and the bottom shell around the telephone circuitry in a direction along a length from the top end to the bottom end of the telephone circuitry, at a parting line perpendicular to the mating direction and arranged such that a circumference and surface area to be sealed between the top and bottom shell is minimized.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of assembling a mobile communication device according to claim 19 further comprising the step of connecting the top shell to the bottom shell with a fastener.

21. (Previously Presented) A mobile communication device according to claim 1 wherein the device is a cordless telephone handset.

22. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 19 wherein the mobile communication device comprises a cordless telephone handset.